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▶ Former Halifax Rainmen forward John Strickland, seen here in this file photo from 2009, was found dead this week.

Rainmen remember their 'MVP'

A week after retiring, fan-favourite John Strickland dead at 38 Team expected to announce funeral details shortly



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If Andre Levingston hadn't heard from John Strickland by 8 a.m. on a given day, he knew something was wrong.

"He would call every morning by 7 a.m. and say, 'I'm up O, I'm up! I'm working!'" said Levingston, nicknamed O as owner of the Halifax Rainmen.

But something was wrong this week.

Strickland, a Rainmen fan-favourite who retired last month to take a job as the club's director of basketball development, didn't call Levingston on Tuesday. Or Wednesday.

"I sent him a series of emails and left him (phone) messages … 'You sleepin' in? You on vacation?'" Levingston said. "It didn't sit right with me. He does not not return my calls. Ever."

The call that came Thursday, from Strickland's brother, was the call Levingston was dreading. Strickland, 38, had been found dead in his New York City home.

"I just lost it," Levingston said. "I couldn't believe it."

Levingston said Strickland died in his sleep, but no further details are available.

"Everyone took it hard. Crook (Eric Crookshank) totally lost it … all the guys … We just can't believe it. It don't even sound right, man."
RAINMEN OWNER ANDRE LEVINGSTON

Levingston, who usually speaks with boundless enthusiasm, was subdued Thursday as he shared memories of his colleague and friend.

"There isn't another John Strickland," he said. "His New York slang, the way he speaks, he was just comical. He was always due for a laugh."

The six-foot-eight forward wasn't a star, averaging 6.9 points and 4.8 rebounds in 36 games with Halifax. But his on-court antics made his No. 45 jersey popular, and fans chanted "MVP" every time he swaggered onto the court.

"He brings such a kind spirit," Levingston said.

"He's fun, he's entertaining … it's a huge loss, man. It's indescribable."

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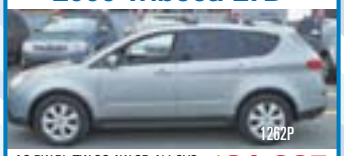
- **Desmond Ferguson, Strickland's former Rainmen teammate, on his blog:** "If you ever came across Strick, there are no ifs, ands or buts about it, he has left some type of impression on your life. He was definitely a character in every (sense) of the word. His energy and passion for the game of basketball is unmatched."
- **Premier Darrell Dexter:** "I was shocked, I think as most people were, to hear at a very young age that he's passed away. And certainly he'll be sorely missed."
- **Mark Lavoie, via website:** "A guy like Strick only comes by once in a while. I am proud to say that I knew such a great guy. R.I.P STRICK. We love you."

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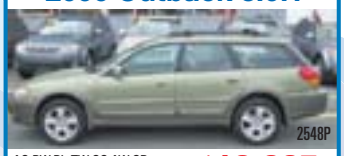
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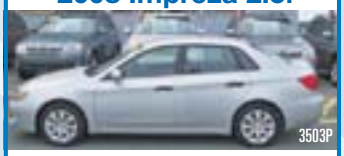
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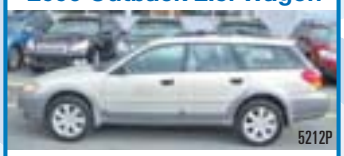
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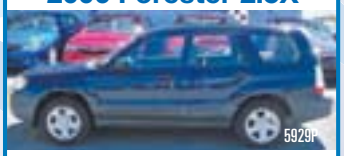
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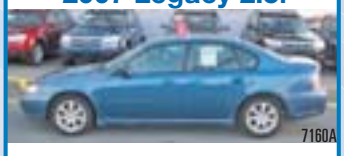
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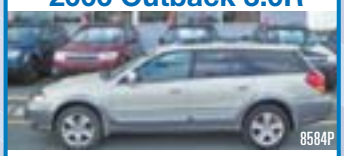
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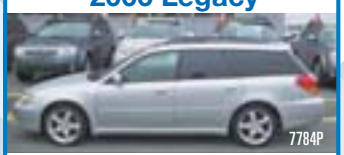
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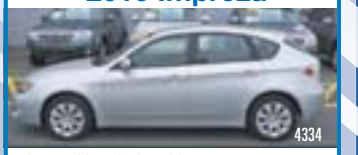

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HRM could buy centre: Mayor

Province proposes Halifax buy WTCC, should new convention centre get green light for funding Officials still silent on fate of project

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▶Tourists walk past the World Trade and Convention Centre on Thursday afternoon.



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The Halifax Regional Municipality may want to consider purchasing the World Trade and Convention Centre building if the proposed new facility gets the go ahead, Premier Darrell Dexter told reporters on Thursday.

Dexter said when he officially turned over Rank Inc.'s proposal to Peter Kelly on Wednesday, he told the mayor he had concerns about the future use of the trade centre building and suggested the municipality might be interested in buying it.

"The reality is that (Kelly) has expressed interest in that building, and … its proximity next to city hall means they could make use of it," Dexter said.

Dexter said any decision on the new trade centre, as well as what to do with the old one, is some time away. But he suggested HRM may have some bargaining chips to bring to the table, including parcels of land the province is interested in acquiring.

"Because of where the (WTCC) is situated – across from grand parade, next to city hall, attached to the Metro Centre which we own – we have to make sure we don't lose any opportunities."
MAYOR PETER KELLY

Kelly said as owners of the Metro Centre, which is connected to the WTCC building, the municipality doesn't want to miss any opportunities, but added a decision is far from imminent.

'Decision' is sound: Landry

Justice Minister Ross Landry told reporters Thursday "the decision" on the proposed trade centre for downtown Halifax is "a sound decision."

But there hasn't been a decision on whether or not the province will help fund the project.

Landry was asked by reporters Thursday if he thought a new trade centre in Halifax's urban core would be a tough sell to his constituents in Pictou County.

"I think the decision is a sound decision," he said. "I think the information that we're basing it on, and where we're going as a province, it'll have economic benefit throughout the province, so I believe the people of Pictou County will look at this objectively."

When asked what the decision was, Landry clarified we'll have to "wait and see what the decision is."

Premier Darrell Dexter clarified further. "There's no announcement being made with respect to the world trade and convention centre today," he said. "This is something that needs to be considered carefully … we want to make sure that it is the best possible result for (taxpayers)."

The province revealed on Wednesday that it, along with the municipality, would be asked to contribute $13.1 million a year for 25 years starting in 2014 – the year the province plans to be "back to balance." The next provincial election will also be held in 2014.

Ottawa is also expected to contribute a $46-million lump sum payment to developer Rank Inc. when the building is complete, although that funding is not yet guaranteed.

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LOGGING

Man, 79, killed by falling tree

A falling tree has killed an elderly man.

Enfield RCMP say they received a 911 call about an accident involving the 79-year-old victim at about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Police say Gilbert James Weatherhead was logging off Weatherhead Road in Upper Rawdon when a tree fell on top of him.

He was pronounced dead at the scene, with paramedics and firefighters on site.

RCMP is reminding the public about the importance of safety precautions when working in the woods.

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Outage caused by gunshots

A power outage last Saturday in several communities in Yarmouth and Shelburne counties was caused by damage from gunshots.

Nova Scotia Power said the outage in Argyle, Pubnico, Wood's Harbour, Barrington and Shelburne was caused by someone shooting at transmission line insulators in Belleville.

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Cracking down on buckling up

The Halifax Regional Police/RCMP integrated Traffic Unit is focusing on seatbelt enforcement during October, continuing what it says is its effort to address traffic safety and educate citizens on the rules of the road.

As part of this operation, units will be conducting traffic points throughout HRM.

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Bail granted for convicted molester

Sentenced to four years in prison in September after being convicted in July Has two years less a day to serve on his sentence

A former Nova Scotia businessman convicted of molesting two boys in the 1970s has been granted bail until his appeal is heard in May.

Justice Joel Fichaud of the Nova Court of Appeal ruled Thursday Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh, 67, would remain under house arrest at his apartment in a Halifax suburb.

MacIntosh is permitted to leave for regular medical appointments to monitor his leukemia, and he is allowed to go out to buy groceries and other personal necessities. MacIntosh must also put up $60,000 and surrender a property he owns in Port Hawkesbury as surety while he waits for his appeal to be heard May 10 by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh leaves the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal Thursday in Halifax.

Defence lawyer Brian Casey said outside court the decision was justified given that his client had fully complied with his bail conditions for about 28 months while he waited for his trial to begin.

"He's now been given house arrest, which keeps him physically in his apartment, so there's no practical worry he's going to fail to show up," he said.

Casey said if MacIntosh wins his appeal hearing, he would have needlessly served eight more months in jail.

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Paperwork

- Ernest MacIntosh was remanded to custody Thursday until the Crown and defence lawyers worked out some paperwork regarding conditions of release and the property in Port Hawkesbury, but it was expected MacIntosh would be released by the weekend.



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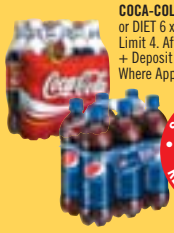
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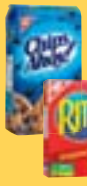
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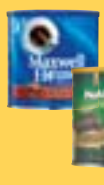
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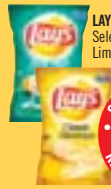
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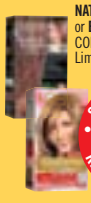
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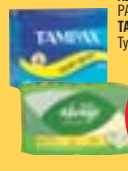
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No Halifax to Maine ferry for now: Official

- Plans for a Halifax to Portland ferry are put off until at least 2012
- Yarmouth is looking to reinstall ferry service in spring

While ferry service is likely returning to Yarmouth in the spring, it will be at least 2012 before there's a Halifax-Portland, Maine, ferry.

Bruce McNeil, spokesman for Scotia Cruises, announced last week he would not be able to start up a Halifax-Portland ferry in 2011 but is hoping for 2012.

He told the Portland Press Herald a group of investors met a few weeks ago and decided it was too late in the season to get it going for 2011.

"People are creatures of habit. They book their summer vacations the year before," he said.

"You need at least 12 months in advance to market a service. It's a matter of economics. In our professional opinion, it would be business suicide to try to do this in six months."

Five operators who want to run a Yarmouth to New England ferry have until Oct. 15 to get their proposals in.

Yarmouth has been without a ferry since the high-speed Cat stopped last year.

"I'm 99 per cent sure there will be (ferry service in the spring). These are good operators, established and know what they're doing," said Dave Whiting, with the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission.

"A Halifax run to New England is a long run, you're going to burn a lot of fuel and it will cost more so your ridership is going to be down."
DAVE WHITING, WITH THE YARMOUTH AREA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

It won't be a fast ferry, instead it will be a mini-cruise, he said.

As for McNeil's plans for a Halifax ferry service, Whiting said he doesn't expect it to float.

"They won't be running in 2012. They have no money and no boat."

Another company, Karlsen Shipping Company/American Ferries Inc., is also trying to start up a Boston-Halifax overnight ferry in the near future.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD



▶ Service between Maine and Yarmouth on the CAT fast ferry was discontinued last year.

CRIME

Woman sought over assault

Police are looking for a woman they say assaulted a man as the two were walking to an address around Agricola Street early Thursday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say the victim was walking in the area around Almon Street when he met up with the female.

But before entering an address, police say the woman struck the man in the face and stole his wallet before fleeing the scene.

The victim sustained minor injuries and didn't require medical attention.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter also said the victim and the female were not known to one another.

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RCMP hopes to have 'Impact'

Operation

The RCMP's Operation Impact runs Friday through Monday.

The RCMP is reminding motorists to drive safely this holiday weekend or possibly pay a price for it.

Titled Operation Impact, this road safety initiative sees RCMP from across the province targeting things like seat belt usage, drinking and driving and speeding throughout the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

"Quite frankly fatalities and injuries that result from impaired and reckless driving and the failure of people to buckle up are 100 per cent preventable," Insp. Sput McCarthy, officer in charger of Nova Scotia traffic services for the RCMP, said in a release.

Holiday weekends result in higher vehicle volumes on the roads, meaning a higher number of driving and traffic violations, according to police.

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House fire puts teen in hospital

A teenage boy was sent to the hospital with severe burns from a house fire in Trenton Thursday morning.

A 911 call came from a neighbour to the house that was located on a corner of Duke and Dickie streets around 10 a.m.

Trenton Fire Chief Wayne Allain said the fire started in the front of the two-storey home and is being ruled as accidental, although the fire marshal is being called in to investigate.

Allain thinks there were three teenagers in the home at the time of the fire, and one was rushed to the Aberdeen Hospital with severe burns.

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A Halifax-based health products company is getting $2 million from Nova Scotia Business Inc.

The provincial government says helping companies like Origin BioMed creates jobs and generates economic growth. The company manufactures and exports health products.

The money is coming from the provincial agency's venture capital fund, which the government says has provided equity financing to help the company break into new markets and increase the size of its workforce.

The government says its previous spending of $3.7 million has helped put the company's product on store shelves across North America.

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Grits push to OK treatment

Liberal health critic presents 38,000 names in favour of funding wet macular degeneration treatment ◐ Health minister hopes to fund it



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Liberal health critic Diana Whalen called on the province Thursday to fund Lucentis, a drug to treat wet macular degeneration (AMD).

AMD, a medical condition typically affecting the elderly, results in a loss of vision in the centre of the eye due to damage to the retina.

According to Whalen, Lucentis can not only stem the effects of the disease, but can also repair the damage.

Every province and territory in Canada currently covers the cost of Lucentis except Nova Scotia, according to Whalen.

"A Nova Scotian diagnosed with wet macular degeneration and unable to access the treatment will quickly lose their eyesight," said Whalen.

"The work is underway to help us find a way to get (Lucentis covered) as soon as we can ... We would hope to have it on as soon as we possibly can. I would say that it's not something that's way down the road."
HEALTH MINISTER
MAUREEN MACDONALD

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX



▶ Liberal health critic Diana Whalen flips through a stack of petitions on Thursday for the provincial government to fund Lucentis, a medication for wet macular degeneration.

Yvon La Croix, who suffers from AMD, said the treatment would cost him $2,000 for each of the six to eight treatments he required. Instead, he chose to receive the cheaper treatment of a drug called Avastin.

Avastin "has done marvelous" things for La Croix's vision, but the drug, designed to treat colon cancer, does nothing to undo the damage already inflicted, Whalen said.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said she has met with many people who are looking for Lucentis coverage, and the government is looking to find a way to cover it.

Province to mull 8 offers

The Nova Scotia government says eight companies have submitted offers to provide a generic drug used to treat high cholesterol.

The province's request for proposals for atorvastatin, the generic form of Lipitor, closed Wednesday.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says she's encouraged by the response. The government will now evaluate the proposals.

Lipitor takes up the biggest chunk of government spending on drugs through the Pharmacare programs.

In 2009-10, the government says it spent $14.7 million on the drug.

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Better deal

▶ The government says atorvastatin, which costs less for Nova Scotians covered through Pharmacare, became available in August. However, it believes it can get a better deal.

Munchkins wanted

Neptune Theatre will hold tryouts on Oct. 16 for its upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz. Youth aged eight to 14, who are under five feet, have athletic ability and a strong singing voice are asked to audition. There are 10 openings for the role of munchkins.

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Church bell recovered

RCMP say a historic church bell swiped from a cemetery in western Nova Scotia has been found "safe and sound" at a scrap metal yard some 230 kilometres away. The brass bell and its assembly were recently stolen from a monument at the Roseway Cemetery.

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Getting tough on impaired driving

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▶ Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks speaks at a press conference last year about calling 911 to report an impaired driver.

Tougher drinking and driving penalties take effect on Oct. 26



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A new MADD campaign will be launched Friday as tougher penalties for drinking and driving kick in later this month.

Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, along with MADD Canada and law enforcement officials are launching a campaign Friday at 9:30 a.m. to "remind Nova Scotians about the consequences of driving while impaired," according to a release.

Legislation was passed last fall to increase suspension time if drivers blow over 0.5 on a roadside screening.

Previously, drivers faced charges if they drove with a blood alcohol level above .08, but only faced a 24-hour suspension between .05 and .08.

Under the new law, drivers blowing over 0.5, will have their licenses suspended for seven days for a first suspension, 15 days for a second, and 30 days for a third suspension.

And when they go to get their license back they'll have to pay a reinstatement fee of $89.63.

The stiffer penalties take effect Oct. 26.

"Unfortunately, impaired driving is still a serious problem in Nova Scotia," Estabrooks said in a statement announcing the legislation last fall.

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Halifax to again host major security forum

German Marshall Fund of the United States to host three-day conference Defence officials from around the world to attend

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Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

The heavyweights will be in town next month for the second annual Halifax International Security forum.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay will host a number of dignitaries including Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security and Condoleezza Rice, professor of political science at Stanford University from the U.S.

Ministers and secretaries of defence from Denmark, Mongolia, Spain, U.K., Albania, Slovenia, Serbia are expected to attend. There will be politicians and policy makers from a number of countries including Afghanistan, Romania, and Israel.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States is hosting the three-day forum with the help of the Canadian government.

"Building on the success of the inaugural Halifax International Security Forum, I'm excited for Halifax, Nova Scotia, to once again host the German Marshall Fund and the Forum," said MacKay, in a release.

"Canada has always been a strong, reliable partner in addressing challenges to international security and Nova Scotia enjoys a tradition of military and academic excellence, so it is fitting that this important Forum be held in Halifax."

The forum will be held Nov. 5-7 at the Westin Nova Scotian.

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What a difference a day makes

All ghosts, goblins, witches and warlocks take note: a southern Alberta community is moving Halloween up by a day.

The mayor of Raymond says the town has rescheduled spooky activities when Halloween falls on a Sunday for the last 45 years.

Town council unanimously approved the move again for this year.

Mayor George Bohne says there has been nothing but positive feedback. Bohne adds residents like to have Sundays set aside for faith or for families to spend time together.

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Get set to fight H1N1 again

Canadians who chose not to be immunized against H1N1 during the pandemic will have another shot at getting protected with this year's seasonal flu vaccination.

Next week, provinces and territories across the country will begin rolling out the 2010-11 vaccine, which includes H1N1 A and two other strains — H3N2 influenza A Perth and influenza B Brisbane.

All children over six months old and adults of all ages are encouraged to get a flu shot, said Dr. Patricia Huston, senior medical adviser for the Public Health Agency of Canada.

"It will protect you against the pandemic H1N1 strain, for example," said Huston.

"But we anticipate it will be a new H3N2 strain that will be circulating this year, so previous flu vaccines will not cover you for that."

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Flu facts

At least 4,000 Canadians die from flu-related complications each year. But most people recover in about a week.

- For this season, the Public Health Agency has ordered 11.2 million doses of the trivalent vaccine from manufacturers GlaxoSmithKline and Sanofi Pasteur, based on requests from provinces.
- Total cost of the bulk order: about $40 million to $45 million.

Williams quizzed: 'Why my sister?'

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▶ Andy Lloyd, brother of Jessica Lloyd, talks to reporters after Col Russell Williams appeared in court in Belleville, Ont.

Ex-officer accused in murders will plead guilty, lawyer says

The brother of a slain Ontario woman says he has just one question for Col. Russell Williams — why my sister?

Williams, a former top military officer, intends to plead guilty on Oct. 18 to charges of first-degree murder, sexual assault, and break and enter, his lawyer told an Ontario Superior Court judge Thursday.

Williams was a rising star in the military before being charged in February with first-degree murder in the deaths of Jessica Lloyd, 27, and Cpl. Marie-France Comeau, 37.

Andy Lloyd said he doesn't want an apology from Williams, just the truth.

"Why, why her? How did all this come about? There are so many questions everybody wants to ask," Lloyd said outside court.

"I think everybody would like to hear him explain what happened. I'm not looking for an apology. It's not going to hold its weight in anything."
ANDY LLOYD

In addition to the two murder charges, Williams, 47, faces two counts of sexual assault, two of forcible confinement, and 82 counts of break and enter.

"It is his intention on the next court date … to enter a plea of guilty on all counts," lawyer Michael Edelson told Justice Robert Scott in Belleville, Ont.

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Timeline to a tragedy

- **July 15, 2009** — Col. Russell Williams takes command of CFB Trenton.
- **September 2009** — Two women are sexually assaulted during two separate home invasions in the Tweed area.
- **Nov. 25, 2009** — Cpl. Marie France Comeau, 38, found dead in her Brighton, Ont. home.
- **Jan. 29, 2010** — Jessica Lloyd, 27, reported missing after she fails to show up for work.
- **Feb. 8** — Williams is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Comeau and Lloyd. He is also charged with two counts of forcible confinement and sexual assault in relation to the September attacks.
- **April 29** — Williams is charged with 82 break and enter and theft related offences.
- **Aug. 26** — Williams waives his right to a preliminary inquiry and is committed to trial.
- **Oct. 7** — Lawyer for Williams tells court his client intends to plead guilty on all counts.
- **Oct. 18** — Williams scheduled to enter a formal plea, to be immediately followed by several days of sentencing arguments.

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▶ Titanic survivors: Laura Francatelli, standing second from right, and her employers Lady Lucy Duff-Gordon, standing third left, and Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon, standing directly behind Lady Duff.

The legacy lives on

Woman's gripping first-hand Titanic account in affidavit is set for auction

She heard a terrible rumbling noise, then anguished cries for help as her rowboat pulled away from the sinking ocean liner Titanic that dreadful night in 1912.

Now, Laura Francatelli's first-person account of the disaster, in the form of a signed affidavit given to a board of inquiry, is set to be auctioned. It is a gripping first-hand account of how she and her two prominent employers — Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon and his wife, Lady Lucy Duff-Gordon — managed to survive, fleeing in a boat with a capacity of 40 people even though they only had 12 on board.

Sir Cosmo and Lady Duff "were two of the most controversial survivors," an auctioneer who will sell the affidavit Oct. 16 said.

Some say Sir Cosmo paid crewmen to get him away from the sinking vessel without returning to help those drowning.

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Speculation rampant over Nobel Peace Prize

Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo tops speculation for the Nobel Peace Prize — one betting site has already declared him the winner — though some experts expect a more low-key choice on Friday.

Two women are also hot candidates in this year's Nobel buzz: Afghan women's rights activist Sima Samar and Russian human rights activist Svetlana Gannushkina. The last woman to win the coveted award was Wangari Maathai of Kenya in 2004. Of the 97 peace laureates to date, only 12 have been women.

Liu, who was sentenced last Christmas Day to 11 years in prison for subversion, has received by far the most attention in the annual guessing-game for the $1.5 million award. Other Chinese dissidents who could be tapped include Chen Guangcheng and Gao Zhisheng.

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Literature prize

▶ Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa won the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday as the academy honoured one of the Spanish-speaking world's most acclaimed authors and an outspoken political activist who once came close to being elected president of his tumultuous homeland.

Five warrants issued in Mumbai attacks

Interpol notified its members on Thursday that India has issued arrest warrants for five Pakistani citizens, including two army officers, for alleged involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, an official said. India asked Interpol to issue the so-called "red corner notices" for the five Pakistanis, said R.K. Gaur, a spokesman for India's Central Bureau of Investigation.

The notices follow a probe by India's National Investigation Agency into the role of American David Coleman Headley, who pleaded guilty in the United States in March to participating in the planning of the attacks, which killed 166 people.

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Toxic red sludge from factory reaches Danube

Residents near the spill site say the disaster ruined their entire village by making their land worthless

The toxic red sludge that burst out of a Hungarian factory's reservoir reached the mighty Danube River on Thursday after wreaking havoc on smaller rivers and creeks, and downstream nations rushed to test their waters.

The EU and environmental officials fear an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminium, contaminates the Danube, Europe's second-longest river.

Officials from Croatia, Serbia and Romania were taking river samples every few hours Thursday but hoping that the Danube's huge water volume would blunt the spill's impact.

The reservoir break on Monday disgorged a toxic torrent through three villages and creeks that flow into waterways connected to the Danube.

Creeks in Kolontar, the western village closest to the spill site, were still swollen and ochre red days later and villagers said they were devoid of fish.

The Hungarian Academy of Science said the muck's heavy metal concentrations do "not come close" to levels dangerous to the environment, but it still considered the sludge dangerous due to its caustic characteristics.

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pH reading

- **An official said** the pH content of the red sludge entering the Danube had dropped and was unlikely to cause further environmental damage.
- **It had been tested earlier** at a pH level of 13 and now was down under 10, and no dead fish had been spotted in the Danube.
- **A neutral pH for water** is 7, with normal readings ranging from 6.5 to 8.5. Each pH level is 10 times the previous level, so a pH of 13 is 1,000 times more alkaline than a pH of 10.

Canine. Therapy



▶ This Feb. 15, 2006, file photo shows Rufus, a coloured bull terrier, at a table at Sardi's restaurant in New York. Rufus is the most decorated bull terrier in the history of the breed, a celebrity ambassador and one of the busiest therapy dogs in the country.

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Man's best friend

When Rufus visits hospitals or cancer centres like the Ronald McDonald House in New York City, "people think he's stuffed. He just lays there buried under 20 kids. People can't believe he is so used to it," said his owner, Barbara Bishop.

Breach was illegal, says privacy czar

In the wake of what the minister called an "embarrassing" breach, Canada's privacy commissioner says the Veterans Affairs Department broke the law by distributing the personal information of an outspoken critic.

Jennifer Stoddart released the findings Thursday of her year-long investigation into a complaint by retired intelligence officer Sean Bruyea, whose medical and financial info ended up in briefing notes to two federal cabinet ministers.

"The veteran's sensitive medical and personal information was shared — seemingly with no controls — among departmental officials who had no legitimate need to see it," she said.

"This personal information subsequently made its way into a ministerial briefing note about the veteran's advocacy activities. This was entirely inappropriate."

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Rate hike may have to wait

The Bank of Canada's push to raise interest rates this summer may soon go into hibernation for the winter.

With inflation stable, a Canadian dollar again pushing towards parity and an unemployment rate near 8 per cent, analysts say the central bank will find little justification for another rate increase.

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Market moment

PHOTOS AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	DOLLAR
– 55.79 (12,445.93)	– 0.76¢ (98.35¢ US)

OIL	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– $1.56 ($81.67 US)	–24.8¢ (+ 1.6¢ US)

Gold contracts $1,335.00 (–$12.70 US)

IT'S TIME FOR US TO FACE THE PAIN

Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX



Savings, not consumer credit, will save us.

Halloween is just around the corner. Here's a scary thought to put you in the mood: The Canadian economy could collapse any day.

So far, our economy has survived the financial crisis thanks to our housing bubble. The construction boom fuelled spending on building materials, appliances, furniture, electronics and more. But the bubble is deflating. And more people are losing their jobs every day.

South of the border, house prices continue to collapse. Over-indebted Americans will need years to clean up their balance sheets. As of now, 41 million of them survive on food stamps, and thousands more join their ranks every day. Canadian exporters will share their pain.

Are we prepared for a severe recession? No. Most of us are walking a financial tightrope. Canadians are struggling under record levels of debt — 145 per cent of disposable income. Carrying $50,000 on four cards and three lines of credit is the new normal. Six in 10 Canadians say they would be in trouble if their paycheques were late. Imagine if they lost their jobs.

Who's to blame? We are, of course. But so is the Bank of Canada, which has kept interest rates artificially close to zero for about three years . When interest rates are low, we borrow to buy a house or a second car. Save? What for, when a certificate of deposit earns just one per cent?

This was our government's brilliant plan to get us out of recession: Entice people to shop. Two years ago, I was called crazy for advocating tax cuts instead of "stimulus" packages. "People will pay down their debt instead of spending!" Saving is wrong, I was told.

The road to a real recovery goes through savings, not consumer credit. The Central Bank must stop this little game and let interest rates rise. This will hurt the economy in the short run, but it's the path we have to follow.

We face a simple choice: Lots of pain now, or severe suffering later. Unfortunately, it's human nature to postpone hard choices. And politicians are all too human.

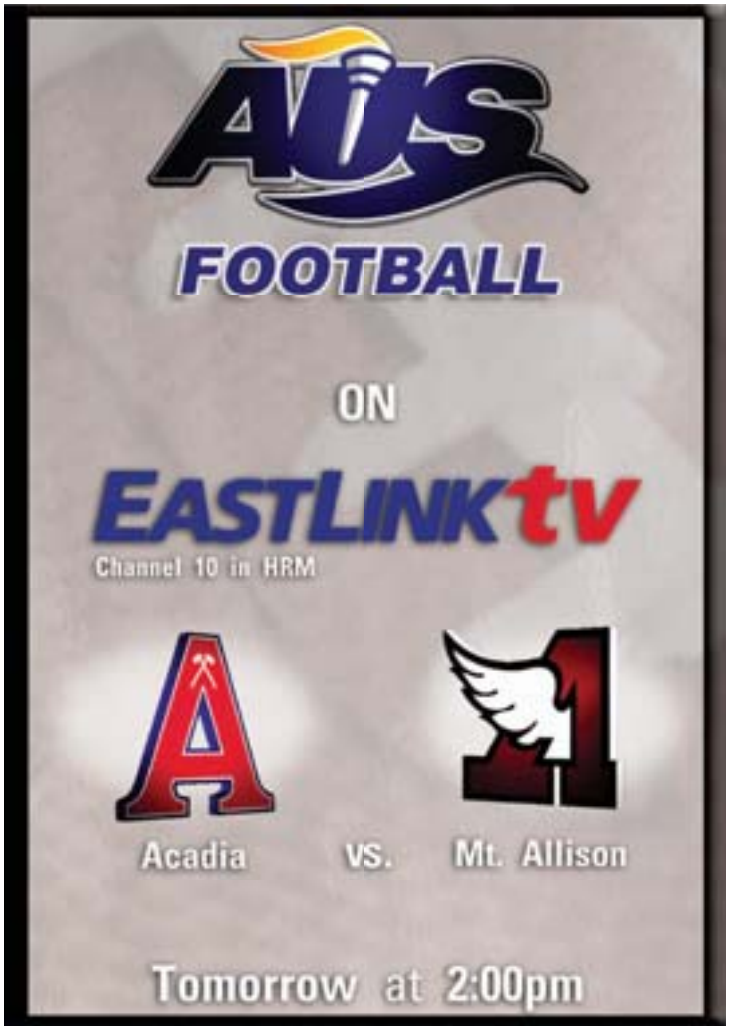
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▶ Don Cherry, Riyaz Datoo and some sharply dressed dolls.

5 MINUTES WITH: RIYAZ DATOO

Riyaz Datoo is president of YouBobble (www.youbobble.com), which makes custom bobblehead dolls of its customers, and recently immortalized Don Cherry in plastic as a promotional item for Cold-FX.

The Don Cherry bobblehead is very true to life. Did you need special paints to get the colours of his outfit right?
Not really. Our business is to be able to create a bobblehead for anybody. They just provide us with a photo and we'll sculpt it. Everything is hand-sculpted and hand-painted.

Had you ever made a bobblehead with French cuffs before?
(Laughs) We've done a lot of interesting things. This one was a lot of fun, but we've done a lot of celebrity projects. We didn't have any idea it was going to be seen by Don Cherry. Cold-FX had it produced and they showed it to him, and Don Cherry has had bobbleheads created of him in the past but his comment was that he's never seen one that's looking so close to what he really looks like. So based on that, they sent an order for 12,000 units.

What is Cold-FX doing with 12,000 Don Cherrys?
Well, the first thing they're doing is recognizing hockey mothers, so mothers that spend a lot of time taking their kids out to arenas, they're recognizing them at special luncheons, like the one that took place last month in Ottawa. As part of being at these luncheons and getting to see Don Cherry, they're also receiving a memento Don Cherry bobblehead. The other thing that they're doing this cold season, people that purchase their capsules will have an opportunity of sending in for a complimentary Don Cherry bobblehead.

You also got to meet the man himself at the luncheon in Ottawa. How was that?
It was exciting. There was a lot of energy in the room. They took me backstage after the event and I got to shake his hand and he told me what he thought of the bobblehead and that he was very happy with it, and I said it was an honour.

Have you had a doll made of yourself?
What's the saying, the shoemaker's children run around barefoot? My wife has been asking me to create one of her and I as a cake-topper model, and I haven't done it yet, but now that you mention it I think I'll do it and make her happy.

STEVE COLLINS

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Letters & Tweets

Re: Trade centre: To fund, or not to fund? (Oct. 7)

HALIFAX. One of the traits of a great leader is being able to make decisions with imperfect and incomplete information.

There have been few projects as poked, prodded, researched and analyzed as the new Halifax convention centre and the great preponderance of evidence indicates that this project is not only an acceptable investment risk, but an absolute winner.

And, yet, for some unknown reason, Premier Darrell Dexter does not want to publicly make a decision — even Mayor Peter Kelly said he supports this project.

So, what is the holdup Mr. Premier?

If you are waiting for just the right time, unfortunately, that was months ago.

Make a decision now before Nova Scotia looks any more indecisive and unsupportive of progress than we already do.

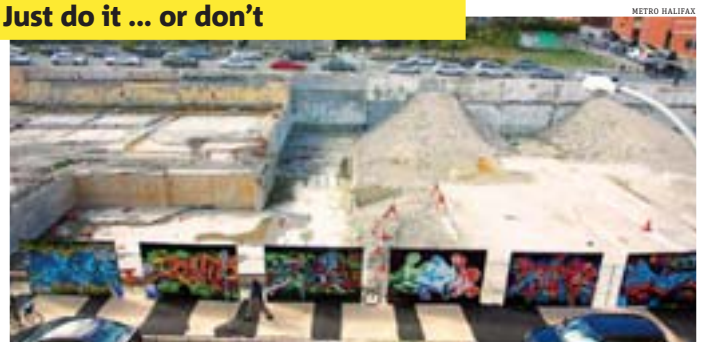
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Calling all pumpkin enthusiasts — there is an event just for you.

The 26th annual Pumpkin Regatta festival and weigh-off is taking place at the Windsor and Falmouth waterfront all day Sunday.

Pumpkin Regatta races begin at 2 p.m., but there is much more to see. The Children's Wish Foundation parade of paddlers starts at noon, and there is a scavenger hunt for kids and country music at the gazebo. There will also be vendors and concessions at the waterfront all day. Admission is free to the public.

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▶ Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell star in Conviction.

Connection plays role in Conviction

Movie's moral stance holds an emotional connection with audience
Swank and Rockwell's mutual admiration bolstered on-screen chemistry

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When Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell first got together to begin filming the drama Conviction, they bonded over one simple attribute.

"We're acting nerds," said Rockwell during a recent interview. "We got together and were just riffing and playing ball. It was a lot of fun."

Fun may not be the most accurate description for what united the duo, however. Based on a true story, Conviction is about Betty Anne Waters (Swank), a determined mother that enters law school and sacrifices nearly two decades of her life in order to prove the innocence of her incarcerated brother (Rockwell).

"Essentially it's a real love story at its core and I think that's something that everyone is relating to," said Swank. "I don't want to say they're just ordinary people but they are (like others) people have in their lives and its through an extraordinary experience they have to find their way through this maze and together that's all they have."

"People in their lives have had things go awry and so they connect — but on a smaller level, of course."
HILARY SWANK

Indeed, Conviction (in theatres next Friday) is a stirring love story between two siblings but the stars also contend the drama's moral stance also holds an emotional connection with the audience.

"You want to see justice prevail," said Swank.

True Stories

Hilary Swank's best career success has been portraying historical figures. Here are some of Swank's most recognizable "real" roles:

- **Boys Don't Cry (1999)** Played transgender Brandon Teena; won the Oscar.
- **Freedom Writers (2007)** Played Erin Gruwell, acclaimed schoolteacher.
- **Amelia (2009)** Played Amelia Earhart, American aviation pioneer.

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Film Fest



Julianne Moore will receive an acting award at the Rome Film Festival opening this month, organizers said Thursday, while Keira Knightley, Eva Mendes and Aaron Eckhart will walk the red carpet to present their new movies.

Moore is presenting The Kids Are All Right, a family comic drama in which she stars opposite Annette Bening and Mark Ruffalo.

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Diane Lane talks horses and life with Secretariat owner Penny Chenery

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The Dame gets a gun

Mirren avoids being typecast by taking on role in Red Makes move from Queen to retired spy

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As the posters and commercials for Red prove, there's something about seeing Dame Helen Mirren holding an assault rifle. It's unexpected, to say the least, and that's one of the main reasons the famed British actress signed up for the project, based on Warren Ellis' graphic novel about over-the-hill spies going back to work. (The title stands for "retired, extremely dangerous.")

"The whole idea is to do something different from what you've just done," Mirren explains. "The Queen was an incredible experience for me in terms of the attention the film got, but that sort of attention kind of sticks. And I was getting a bit sick of people saying, 'Oh, you're so regal and you play all these queens.' And I thought, actually I don't play queens. I play lots of different things. For a long time before that, I was a police detective."

So to subvert such royal expectations, she grabbed a gun. Despite her proficiency with weapons on screen, Mirren insists she's not a fan of firearms. "I don't like to ever say a gun is fun," she says. "The guns I found the most horrifying are these small machine guns. They're not funny, they're terrible because you can cause such havoc. Dreadful, dreadful."

Given that Red focuses on agents that have been put out to pasture, the topic of retirement is obviously on Mirren's mind — not that she has any specific plans to pack it in. "As night follows day, inevitably it will happen, but I have no idea," she admits. "I think we all have a dream of what it would be like not to work and grow heirloom tomatoes. And I do have that dream. It would be lovely. I do love gardening and all of that. But I do love my work."

Of course, it's not the actual acting — or the awards and attention — that Mirren would miss if she called it a day. Instead, she explains, it's the interactions with everyone from directors to co-stars to journalists. "In my job and in all the jobs related to my job, you get to meet and work with and be involved with clever, imaginative people who constantly surprise you."

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▶ Helen Mirren in Red

Inspiration

- To play a genial retired spy in Red, Mirren was inspired to base her character on Martha Stewart.
- Stewart combines sweetness with efficiency and a laser-like ability to concentrate, she said.

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Secretariat a champ

Secretariat
Genre: Drama
Director: Randall Wallace
Stars: Diane Lane, John Malkovich
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Secretariat succeeds in one area where most true sports stories stumble: Despite the outcome of the famed horse's run at the triple crown in 1973, director Randall Wallace still manages to infuse his races with tension, suspense and uncertainty.

But as much personality as the horse has — and as thrilling as the race sequences are — the film really belongs to Diane Lane, as Secretariat's owner, Penny Chenery, who defies social and gender conventions to handle raising the horse after her father's death.

Despite being beautifully shot and generally satisfying, with strong performances from Lane and John Malkovich (as ornery Quebecois trainer Lucien Laurin), there are some missteps.

The writing errs on the side of obvious a little too often, with many of Lane's big moments scripted like, well, big moments — like ready-made awards season clips.

And they spend so much time going over the particulars of breeding, training and racing horses that audience members may feel qualified to raise a champion themselves after seeing it.

But despite that and some overt Christianity — Oh Happy Day features prominently — the film is still a champ.

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Life As We Know It
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Director: Greg Berlanti
Stars: Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel
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Life As We Know It may not quite be the Movie You Think It Is.

Marketed as a straight-up rom-com, the slight charmer actually plays best as a humanist drama between two opposing personalities making the most of a bad situation.

When their mutual best friends die accidentally, uptight Holly (Katherine Heigl) and easygoing Messer (Josh Duhamel) are made legal guardians of the deceased parents' infant.

A premise that hardly warrants the big-screen, the leads pull out all the stops and conjure a chemistry that raises the melodrama above the waterline.

Even amongst the obvious gags about smelly diapers, there lie a few hearty laughs and an impassioned attempt at sincerity. ● STEVE GOW



Catfish
Genre: Documentary
Directors: Ariel Schulman, Henry Joost
Stars: Nev Schulman, Ariel Schulman, Henry Joost
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Catfish is a movie of the moment. This disturbing and thought-provoking documentary chronicles Nev Schulman's digital relationship with a family of artists via Facebook.

After developing a romance with one family member, he tries to meet them and quickly discovers how easy it is to be deceived online.

The film was made by a group of constantly filming friends who never would have documented the story without the accessibility of digital cameras and the dominance of Internet culture.

It's a powerful cautionary tale and impressive example of DIY filmmaking with an emotional sucker punch. Catfish might not develop much of a shelf life, but right now it's vital viewing. ● PHIL BROWN

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Mix of Six

Romeo and Juliet
Through Oct. 17
Neptune Theatre
This popular play by William Shakespeare is again brought to life as Neptune kicks off its 2010-11 season. The play is over two hours and very entertaining. Tickets are available through neptunetheatre.com with adult tickets starting at $27.

Bret Michaels
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia
This former frontman to the legendary rock group Poison is taking to the stage to perform songs from his band and other material he has written over the years. Tickets are $71.50 and are available through ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

QMJHL Hockey
Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.
Halifax Metro Centre
The Halifax Mooseheads are back on home ice this weekend, first taking on the high-powered Montreal Juniors on Friday, then the rival Moncton Wildcats on Sunday afternoon. Visit halifaxmooseheads.ca for complete ticket information.

Maritime Fall Fair
Through Monday
Exhibition Park
This October tradition is back with regular features such has horse jumping, livestock competitions, midway rides and countless exhibitors expected to bring in thousands of people. Visit maritimefallfair.com for more information.

Hamlet
Through Oct. 24
Bus Stop Theatre
A new theatre company is presenting this William Shakespeare classic with Halifax actor Gregory Slack playing the lead role. Evening performances Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with weekend matinees at 2 p.m.

Live Art Dance
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Sir James Dunn Theatre
The Halifax-based dance group is presenting its second show of the season titled SINS dance and Susie Burpee. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $17 for students.

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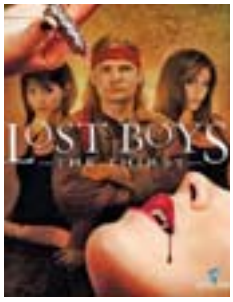
Best day ever

SPORT
Talk about a perfect day for former Blue Jay Roy Halladay, who threw a no-hitter this week during a game against the Cincinnati Reds. Halladay, who now plays for the Philadelphia Phillies, is only the second pitcher to achieve a no-hitter in the post-season.



▶ Pitcher Roy Halladay savours the moment.

Lost Boys



POP CULTURE
The direct-to-dvd Lost Boys: The Thirst gets released on Tuesday. A third entry in the film series reteams Corey Feldman and Jamison Newlander as the Frog brothers trying to save the world from a new vampire threat.

It gets better

SOCIETY
The online video channel started by columnist Dan Savage, in response to the suicides of a number of gay teens who were bullied, is garnering a lot of attention. Among the contributers telling LGBT youth that life is better after highschool are Tim Gunn, Jake Shears, Chris Colfer and Anne Hathaway.
itgetsbetterproject.com

How to Train Your Dragon



DVD
The hit animated film How To Train Your Dragon will be on store shelves later next week. The release, which stars the voices of Canadian Jay Baruchel and Gerard Butler, will also feature bonus material — like the short film Legend of the BoneKnapper Dragon.

Starbucks VIA

FOOD
With the weather getting colder, the thought of a hot cup of flavoured coffee warms even the bitterest of days. Starbucks has expanded its line of VIA Ready Brew coffees to include cinnamon spice, caramel, mocha and vanilla.

iPad Grip

TECH
Looking for a fun way to safely carry around your iPad? Colorware has come up with a cool grip which fits around the device and features a sturdy handle for carrying. colorwarepc.com

Dockers

FASHION
Looks like Dockers, a staple in a lot of guys' closets, is getting an update. Designer Steven Alan has collaborating with the clothing maker to create his own collection.
dockers.com



TV Picks

Bigger is better on TLC

REALITY Viewers are about get a little bit more of Say Yes to the Dress with its full-figured spin-off, Say Yes to the Dress: Big Bliss. Here, the focus is on larger brides looking for the perfect wedding gown. (Friday, TLC)

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Don't forget to lock

THRILLER Jodie Foster and a young Kristen Stewart star in the 2002 drama, Panic Room. This David Fincher film centres on a single woman and her daughter who are locked in their home panic room while being robbed, (Friday, W Network)

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Glee's villain to host SNL

VARIETY The outrageously funny Jane Lynch hosts this week's Saturday Night Live, and you can bet her tracksuit-wearing alter ego Sue Sylvester will stop by, too. Lynch lands on the comedy staple after stealing the spotlight on Glee. (Saturday, Global, NBC)

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Javier Bardem in Cholera

ADAPTATION Oscar winner Bardem stars in the film adaptation of Love In the Time of Cholera. The movie is based on Nobel Prize-winning novel by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, (Saturday, Bravo)

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Three's a crowd on TLC

DRAMA Back-to-back episodes of the popular new show Sister Wives explore the bizarre marital arrangement of a man, his three wives and his girlfriend. (Sunday, TLC)

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Modern day Mrs. Dalloway

FILM A trio of stellar actresses anchor 2002's dark but moving drama,The Hours. Three tales follow three women - first, Nicole Kidman as Virginia Woolf struggling to write her first great novel, Mrs. Dalloway, while battling mental illness in the 1920s. Then, Julianne Moore is a young wife and mother in post-Second World War Los Angeles who is just starting to read Mrs. Dalloway, and Meryl Streep plays an author in contemporary New York City. (Sunday, Viva)

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A series survivor — and this year he gets a girl

Jesse Williams talks about staying on in Grey's Anatomy

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Grey's Anatomy has reached its seventh season. Season Six ended with a shoot-out at Seattle Grace Mercy West Hospital, but the one who survived was Dr. Jackson Avery. Jesse Williams is happy to stay on and continue to be a regular in the immensely popular hospital series.

"It was tough that some characters were killed at the end of Season Six, I had become friends with everybody. I'm glad my character survived though," he tells Metro.

The new season starts with a counselling session for the survivors.

"I think the tragedy will bring people closer together," he says.

Dr. Jackson Avery, the character Jesse Williams portrays in Grey's Anatomy, has now been made a regular on the cast.

"It was very exciting. I'm very happy and honoured. I spent a year discovering my character and didn't know if I'd stay in the show for a long time or just one episode."

"We are both very competitive and passionate about winning"
JESSE WILLIAMS

Metro asked Williams if he himself has any similarities with the TV character he plays.

"Some," he replied. "We are both very competitive and passionate about winning. Jackson is more stubborn but also a bit nicer than I am. There are some similarities, but enough differences that makes it fun to work on his character."

The secrecy surrounding the plot remains strong, even for the actors, but Jesse Williams is sure of one thing – Dr Jackson Avery will get a girl.

"I don't know who or when but I'm sure it will happen soon. I don't know if it will be a girl from the show or a new character but I hope to find out soon."

Williams also offered some thoughts on his latest big screen venture, The Cabin in the Woods, a tongue-in-cheek thriller-horror movie also starring Hollywood veteran Richard Jenkins.

"It was really a great experience [starring in The Cabin in the Woods]. [Director] Joss Whedon is great. It's a horror movie so there was a lot of blood and monsters. It was very intense; I've never done anything like it before.

"I hope it will be released in the beginning of next year as planned."

Profile

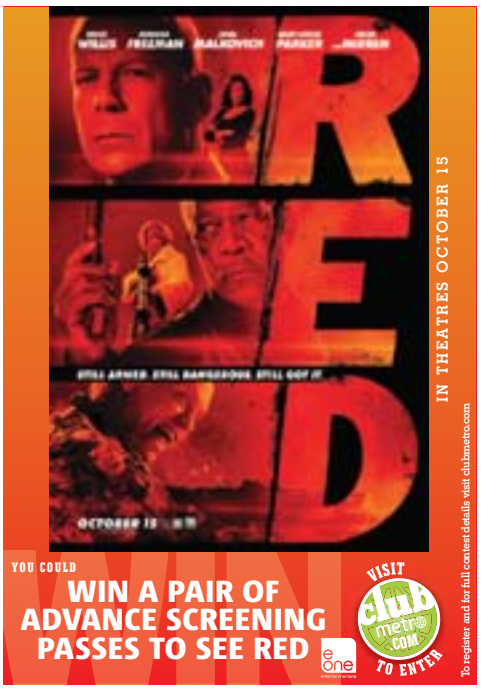
- **Name** Jesse Williams
- **Age** 29
- **Lives** In Los Angeles and New York
- **Family** Engaged to real estate fiancé Arin. Has a Swedish mother and an African-American father.
- **Current role** Plays Dr. Jackson Avery in Grey's Anatomy, the hit U.S. medical drama series that has reached its seventh season on television .



▶ Jesse Williams says he's glad his character survived.



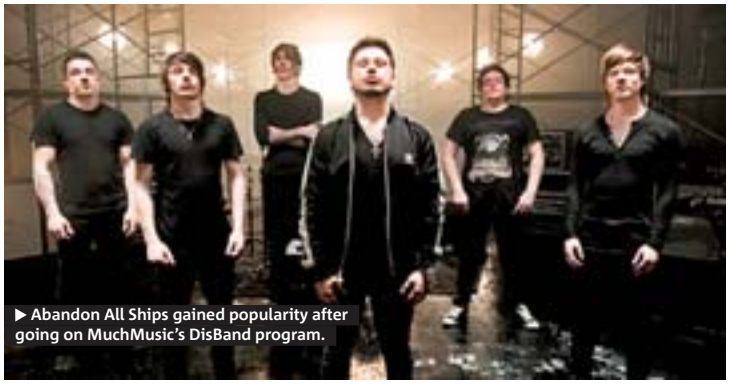




Electronic upstarts reshape punk music

- Abandon All Ships fuses punk and electronica to create bold new sound
- Band coined the slang word 'geeve' and tattooed it to their bodies

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▶ Abandon All Ships gained popularity after going on MuchMusic's DisBand program.

"We just don't geeve," shrugs Abandon All Ships (AAS) vocalist Angelo Aita.

Slang terminology has long been a way for youth to create autonomy. Lingo separates young from old; allows informal chat while excluding others and fosters fresh opinions of what is acceptable.

"Geeve" though? Thanks to Toronto's hardcore punk-influenced electronic upstarts Abandon All Ships, a new word is about to enter common vernacular. Only those who understand it are on their side of the generation gap.

"Geeve's got multiple meanings but the most important one is that we just don't (care)," laughs Aita. "We (used) this word a lot growing up. It's like, whatever happens, happens. We're still gonna do things our way."

That they are. The word has become so pivotal to Aita, bassist Martin Broda, guitarists Kyler Stephen Browne and Andrew Paiano, drummer Daniel Paiano and keyboardist Sebastian Cassisi-Nunez, it's the official title of their debut full-length.

At that, Geeving (Underground Operations/Universal Music Canada) is bold. Delving into unexplored territory, it finds punk and electronica — two vastly different musical genres — uniting as though they've always been together.

Channelling their inherently danceable Euro-pop grooves through a severe filter of punk's combative aggression, Geeving is as unique as it is provocative.

"We're interested in everything from modern hardcore and metal like Parkway Drive meshed together with a throwback-'90s Euro style including Joée, DJ Company," Aita notes, explaining how the band created such an anomalous style.

"We grew up through the '90s and Euro was shoved in your face all the time so it helped shape what we do. Nobody's mixed these two elements together before but we genuinely love both of them."

Apparently they're not alone in their adoration of disparity. AAS has garnered impressive popularity during their stint on the second season of MuchMusic program DisBAND, acclaim sure to push Geeving to the top of many charts.

Not that AAS could "geeve" a rat's bum cheeks. Aita declares that regardless of acceptance, they're gonna geeve it their all.

"It's our approach to life because it's a part of our upbringing," he concludes.

"We have 'Geeving' tattooed on our bodies, it has that much meaning to us. The sincerity, creativity and passion of our music is undeniable."

A SILENT REBELLION



'Tis the time of year when British music fans start looking ahead to the last great event of the year: The Christmas No. 1.

This has been something of a national obsession — successfully ported from what's nothing more than a sales and marketing tool for the music industry — since the NME first started publishing an official singles chart in 1952. People are encouraged to push their favourite to the top of the charts in the buying frenzy before Christmas by buying singles.

Usually, the winner is some mass appeal pop song. Then along came Simon Cowell. Beginning in 2005, there was an unbroken string of Christmas No. 1's from winners of his Idol-like show, The X Factor.

Around this time last year, a couple from Essex said, "Enough is enough." Using nothing more than a Facebook account and the power for social networking, they launched a campaign from their home to push Rage Against the Machine's expletive-laden Killing in the Name to number one to fend off X Factor winner, Joe McElderry.

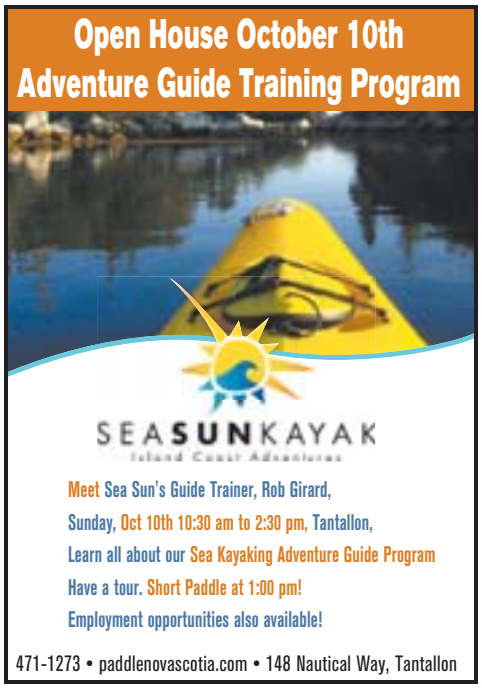
Their campaign went global, receiving support from everyone from even Paul McCartney. And when the final figures were toted up, damned if the winner wasn't Rage.

So what about Christmas 2010? There's a new Facebook campaign dubbed Cage Against the Machine. The goal is to push a John Cage's 1952 composition entitled 4'33 (read as Four minutes and thirty-three seconds) to the top. This is even a weirder choice than Killing in the Name because Cage's composition is nothing more than four minutes and thirty-three seconds of dead silence.

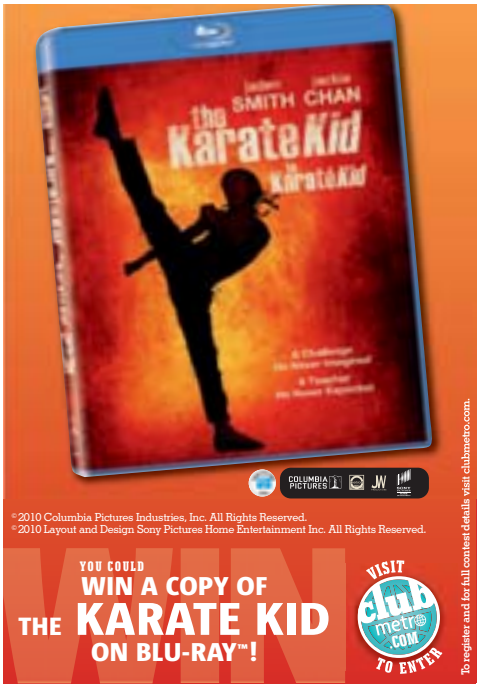
Cage conceived the piece to get an audience to consider that all sound could, in its own way, be music. The work is performed by a single pianist who sits down in front of piano and does nothing for precisely 4:33..

You can even buy it on iTunes for 99 cents.

I think this is brilliant. Anything that makes Simon Cowell's head explode is fine by me.







Mars taints his image

Pop star Bruno Mars due in court on charges of cocaine posession ◗ Could face up to four years in prison ◗ Industry experts don't believe arrest will hurt singer's rising career ◗ Mars' tour to kick off in November

Bruno Mars should be having the best week ever: He has the No. 1 song in America, his debut album, Doo-Wops & Hooligans, was released this week and his 25th birthday is on Friday.

But while singer-songwriter-producer has much to smile about, at the same time, his success is being tainted by a recent felony charge.

Mars was arrested last month for allegedly possessing 2.6 grams of cocaine after performing at a Las Vegas nightclub. He's due in court Nov. 18 and if convicted, he faces up to four years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

But some industry experts believe the drug charge won't do much harm to the singer's rising career.

"I don't think he meant it to come off that way, but his recent arrest shows that he has a little bit of edge I suppose," said Craig Marks, the editor of Billboard.

Marks said the arrest might have the unintended effect of introducing Mars to a wider celebrity audience than he would have enjoyed before.

"It's not the best kind of publicity and hopefully it doesn't really indicate some kind of deeper problem," Marks said, "but the fact is that I don't think it will harm his following."

The drug charge for the talented musician comes as a surprise. Though a newcomer, the image Mars built was an easygoing, wholesome one.

He's the man with the cooing falsetto and guitar grooves, behind the scene and in front of it. He sang on, co-wrote and co-produced two of the year's biggest songs: Travie McCoy's jam Billionaire and B.o.B's No. 1 rap groove Nothin' on You. And Mars' own single, the pop tune Just the Way You Are, has made it to the top spot of Billboard's Hot 100 chart.

"He's got a good mix of R&B and pop styles, which is very 'right' right now," Marks said.

Mars is one-third of the production trio the Smeezingtons, which includes Philip Lawrence and Ari Levine. Mars said they put together Nothin' on You and Billionaire in a single day.

The Smeezingtons have also produced international hits like Flo Rida's Right Round, K'Naan's Wavin' Flag and Cee Lo's (Explective) You! And they've penned tunes for Justin Bieber, Brandy, Matisyahu, Mike Posner and Sean Kingston, among others.

They met in Los Angeles where Mars moved in 2002 after graduating from high school in Hawaii.

Mars' mother, from the Philippines, and his father, of Puerto Rican descent, met in Hawaii. Mars said he was singing professionally since the age of six, and credits the island with helping him discover his musical talents.They met in Los Angeles where Mars moved in 2002 after graduating from high school in in Hawaii.

"I was real lucky because I come from a real musical family and Hawaii's already so musical, like everybody already plays instruments, everybody's already singing," he said.

When Mars started writing for Doo-Wops & Hooligans, he focused on creating songs that would translate during live performances, drawing inspiration from Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley and Prince.

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▶ Bruno Mars had a wholesome image up until his arrest.

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➤ MAKES: 8 SERVINGS,1/8TH RECIPE (137 G) EACH

What You Need
1/2 cup *Miracle Whip* Dressing
1/4 cup tomato paste
2 Tbsp. *Kraft Catalina* Dressing
1 tsp. garam masala
1 tsp. ground cumin
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
8 small boneless skinless chicken breasts (2 lb./900 g)
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh coriander (cilantro)

Make it
HEAT oven to 350°F.
MIX first 6 ingredients until well blended.
POUR over chicken in 13x9-inch baking dish; turn chicken to evenly coat both sides of each breast. Cover.
BAKE 40 min. or until chicken is done (170°F). Serve chicken topped with sauce and cilantro.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with 4 cups hot cooked basmati rice.
Nutrition Information Per Serving: 190 calories, 6g total fat, 1.0 g saturated fat, 70mg cholesterol, 240mg sodium, 5g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fibre, 3g sugars, 26g protein, 2%DV vitamin A, 6%DV vitamin C, 2%DV calcium, 8%DV iron.

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Family revives Peanuts

As Charlie Brown and Snoopy turn 60, the family of creator Schulz plans for the gang's future

AP PHOTO/WARNER HOME VIDEO



▶ Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown is the first new animated film in five years, set for release next spring.

Good grief, Charlie Brown. The world has certainly changed since the Peanuts were born.

In 60 years, the U.S. sent a man to the moon, survived the Cold War and now has one of the worst economic funks in decades. All that time, Charles Schulz's imaginary gang has been a fixture of newspaper funny pages and grainy holiday TV specials.

Now, his family is working to keep Snoopy, Lucy and the rest alive for generations to come.

A handful of new projects is in the works. The first new animated film in five years is set for release next spring called, Happiness is a Warm Blanket, Charlie Brown.

ABC just signed on for five more years of airing Charlie Brown holiday specials. A new social media game began on Facebook and Twitter last month to Countdown to the Great Pumpkin, and the comic strip has made its way to a popular gaming website for millions of children.

The enduring appeal is no surprise, said Lee Mendelson, who produced the Peanuts films with Schulz for more than 40 years.

Schulz had said "there's always going to be a market for innocence in this country," Mendelson said Friday as a photograph of Schulz at his drawing board was hung at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in recognition of his impact on the nation. Schulz died in 2000.

"The innocence and the humour that he brought, I think, helped us as a nation through many bad times," Mendelson said.

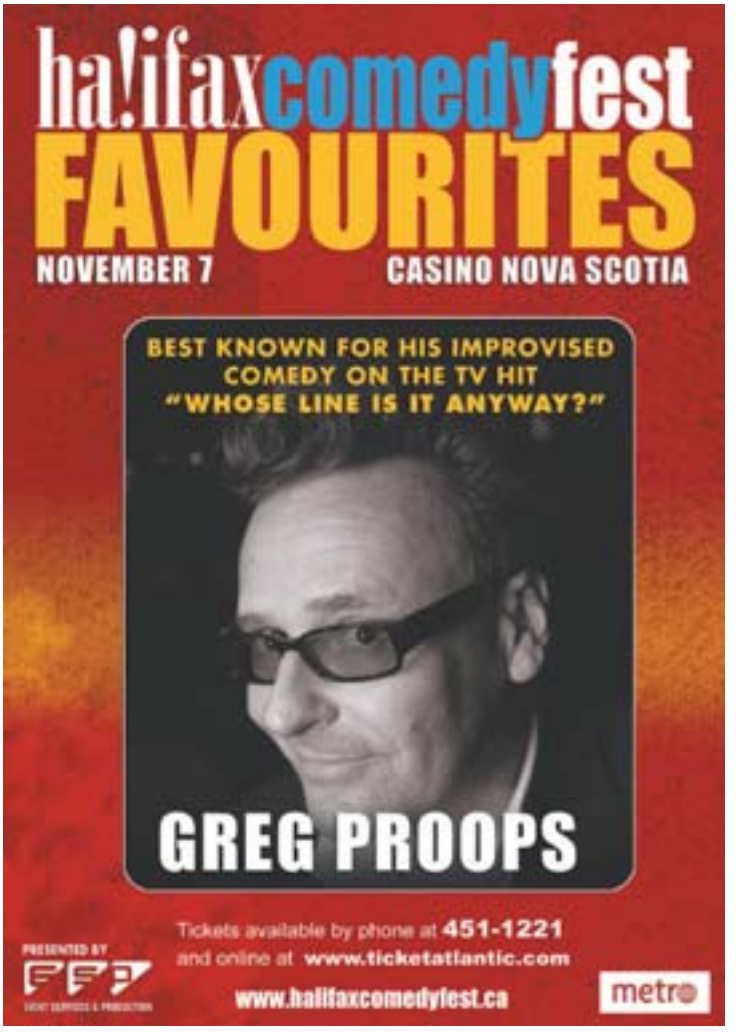
Peanuts comics, which first appeared in 1950 in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, still appear in 2,200 newspapers in 75 different countries. Newspaper publisher E.W. Scripps Co. sold the licensing unit that controls Peanuts and other comics in April to Iconix Brand Group Inc. — a licensing company partially owned by the Schulz family — for $175 million.

Jeannie Schulz, the cartoonist's widow, said she often hears from people at the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif., about how well the characters reflect their own feelings–. That may be a key to the Peanuts' longevity, she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New projects

- **The Peanuts Collection,** a new book out later this month, will trace the comic strip's history.
- **Great Pumpkin Island** is being released on Poptropica, a gaming website that caters to millions of tweens.





Oprah bests Clinton in Forbes' rankings

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▶ Oprah Winfrey

Michelle Obama holds down the top spot among the power elites

Hillary Clinton may be Secretary of State, but that doesn't mean she's more powerful than Oprah Winfrey — at least according to Forbes' annual Most Powerful Women in the World List.

Clinton ranks No. 5, while Winfrey comes in at No. 3. Michelle Obama holds the top spot, while Lady Gaga, Beyonce Knowles and Ellen DeGeneres make it into the top 10.

"The women on our list, through their respective realms of power and influence, are shaping many of the agenda setting conversations of our day," says Moira Forbes, vice-president and publisher of ForbesWoman.

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Open relationship?

Brittney Jones, the woman who claims to have slept with Ashton Kutcher, isn't backing down.

In a new interview, she insists Kutcher and Demi Moore have an open marriage, according to Star magazine.

"Ashton said he and Demi have an open relationship and have threesomes often. I didn't feel at all like he had just cheated on his wife. It felt normal and OK," Jones says. "He explained that he and Demi had a deal where they had to share lovers. He felt bad that he had been with me and didn't share."

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▶ Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore

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▶ Chelsea Handler

Cheslea not handling 50's cent

Chelsea Handler is looking to dispel rumors that she's dating rapper 50 Cent, despite a cozy night out in New Orleans recently and sources saying they've been secretly seeing each other for a while, according to Us Weekly.

Handler denied those claims this week through her Twitter account.

"Everyone, calm down," Handler posted to her Twitter account.

"I met with Mr. Cent about a potential project. There's nothing to report yet. I'll let you know if there is."

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Talking points

Lohan staying put in rehab

I GIVE IT A WEEK Lindsay Lohan will definitely be staying put at the Betty Ford Center until her next hearing, on Oct. 22, but how long she stays in rehab after that date is yet to be determined, according to TMZ.

Her judge could order her to stay in treatment longer rather than go to jail again, and doctors from the center will reportedly be on hand to comment on her progress.

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Douglas nearly done chemo

MONEY MAY NOT SLEEP BUT IT SURE DOES TALK WHEN IT COMES TO MEDICINE After eight weeks of chemotherapy, Michael Douglas only has one cancer treatment left, his longtime publicist, Allen Burry, tells People magazine.

"He's really happy about it ending," Burry says, adding that while Douglas is having trouble swallowing and eating, the actor "was determined not to have a feeding tube, and he didn't have to have one."

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Winehouse claims sobriety

IT'S PROBABLY TRUE. HER NEW MUSIC SUCKED Amy Winehouse insists that she's completely drug- free — and has been for three years.

"I'm much healthier now," she tells the U.K. edition of Glamour. "I used to use drugs and I haven't used drugs in almost three years. I literally woke up one day and was like, 'I don't want to do this any more.' I went through a lot of trouble with my ex-husband," she says, referring to Blake Fielder-Civil. The couple divorced last year.



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Celebrity tweets



Demi Moore [@mrskutcher] Trying out the new Mercedes Hybrid- love that they are going green and with style!



Ryan Seacrest [@RyanSeacrest] Wanna wish a quick happy birthday to my buddy Simon Cowell! 61 years young!!



Snooki [@Sn00ki] OMG it smells like fall! Fricken LOVE it!



Rob Thomas [@ThisIsRobThomas] the good news: brad pitt is shooting a movie in stage next to mine. The bad news: 3 people thought i was Shilo

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A new take on the ol' sticky pecan pie

This pie was inspired by the classic sticky pecan pie This version is bright with the colour and flavour of dried cranberries as well

The difference between flaky and mealy pie crusts is mostly in the technique. Check out Metronews.ca for a variety of stories and recipes on crusts, and when you're done making one — a flaky one specifically — try this delicious recipe:

Cranberry Almond Pistachio Pie

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place a baking sheet in the oven.
2. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine cranberries and water. Microwave on high for 1 minute or until very hot. Set aside to cool. Once cooled, drain and discard water.
3. In a medium pan over medium-high, heat brown sugar, maple syrup, molasses, cream and butter until boiling. Remove from heat.
4. In a medium, heat-safe bowl, whisk egg yolks until smooth. While whisking continuously, slowly pour hot sugar mixture into egg yolks, allowing yolks to heat up gradually until entire mixture is incorporated.
5. Fit a single pie crust into a pie pan, trimming and crimping edge. Sprinkle almonds, pistachios and drained cranberries evenly into pie crust. Pour filling mixture over nuts and cranberries, making sure they are evenly coated. Place pie on baking sheet. Bake for 45 minutes or until filling is slightly puffed and crust is golden. Makes 8 servings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients :

- 250 ml dried cranberries
- 250 ml water
- 250 ml dark brown sugar
- 250 ml maple syrup
- 15 ml molasses
- 50 ml heavy cream
- 50 ml butter
- 6 egg yolks
- 125 ml slivered almonds, toasted
- 125 ml pistachios
- 1 uncooked flaky pie crust, bottom only

Key to crusts

- Flaky, mealy and cookie crusts must be rolled, then fitted into a pie or tart pan. Crumb crusts are dumped into the pan, then pressed into place.
- Whatever variety crust you use, it's a good idea to set the pie on a baking sheet when you place it in the oven.

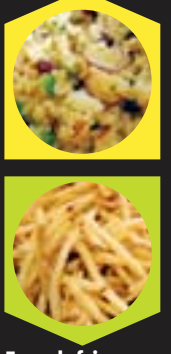


▶ This cranberry almond pistachio pie is housed in a flaky pie crust.

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Up and down

Quinoa
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Age don't matter for Desmarais

Youngest member of the Herd is holding his own with the pack



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Simon Desmarais says he isn't scared, and he isn't just talking the talk. He's walking the walk.

Despite being the youngest player on the Halifax Mooseheads roster, the 16-year-old defenceman has walked his way into the club's top-four defensive rotation and left no doubt he belongs in the QMJHL.

"I don't think about my age on the ice," he says. "I try to play like I'm 17 or 18."

Considering he was a second-round pick who the Mooseheads didn't even expect to make the team until 2011, it's that much more remarkable he's trusted with last-minute ice time in close games.

The rugged six-foot 191-pounder is known as a stay-at-home type and has two goals and an assist in nine games, along with a team-leading plus-six rating. His no-nonsense approach is evidenced by three fights already in his young career.

"The guys are bigger and more intimidating," he admits. "But my first game at the Metro Centre, I fought. I try not to be afraid of the older guys."

Desmarais has moved past a number of older players on the depth chart and made it clear he is a franchise cornerstone as one of its best blue-line picks in years.

He says being paired with 20-year-old veteran Pascal Amyot has facilitated his quick transition to major junior.

"He's a role model to me," Desmarais says. "I like to play with a veteran. He's helped me in practice and he talks to me a lot on the ice."

The Chambly, Que., native can't explain the bizarre fact that he already has two QMJHL goals despite not scoring in 42 midget AAA games last season.

"I just shoot it on the net," he says with a grin.

As for his impressive plus-minus?

"I will try to keep it that way."

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▶ Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Simon Desmarais.

Weekend sked

The Halifax Mooseheads, 3-6-1, play a pair of games at the Metro Centre on the long weekend.

- The Montreal Juniors, 5-1-2, featuring Montreal Canadiens prospect Louis Leblanc, are in town Friday at 7 p.m.
- Leblanc already has 10 points in four games since leaving Harvard.
- The Moncton Wildcats, 6-2, led by twin brothers Alex and Allain Saulnier, visit on Sunday at 4 p.m.
- The Saulniers have combined for 30 points in 10 games.

Hockey news

Brad Marchand
The Hammonds Plains native and former Halifax Mooseheads forward has cracked the Boston Bruins' opening-day roster. Marchand played 20 games with the Bruins last season as a call-up and is entering his third season as a pro.





Alexandre Picard
The former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman has made the Montreal Canadiens. Picard, who split last season between Ottawa and Carolina, was in the lineup last night against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Scan code for sports

Dunbrack falls to 1-1

Halifax Dunbrack City Mazda saw its record fall to 1-1 at the Challenge Trophy Canadian senior men's soccer championship on Thursday night.

Dunbrack fell 1-0 to Churchill Arms, the host team from Prince Edward Island, in Charlottetown. Brett Norton was the lone goal-scorer. The four-game round-robin continues over the weekend with Dunbrack facing P.E.I.'s other team, Hunter's Ale House Selects, and Newfoundland's Holy Cross Kirby.

Dunbrack is tied for second after Churchill Arms, which is 2-0.

In women's Jubilee Trophy play, Halifax Dunbrack Rooms Plus opened with a big 2-0 victory over Manitoba's WSA North Stars yesterday in Charlottetown.

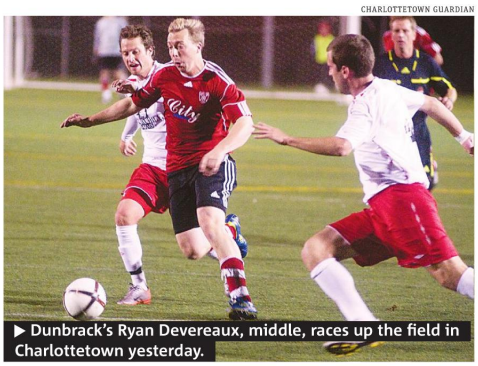
Leanne Huck and Kate MacDonald provided the offence and keeper Liz Cook registered the shutout.

Dunbrack will renew its quest for gold with games against Quebec's Vert de Sherbrooke and British Columbia's Surrey United.

The championship games on both men's and women's sides are scheduled for Monday.

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CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN



▶ Dunbrack's Ryan Devereaux, middle, races up the field in Charlottetown yesterday.

g helps Leafs to victory

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LEAFS	CANADIENS

J-S Giguere made sure the Toronto Maple Leafs season got off to a winning start.

The veteran goaltender made 26 saves Thursday as the Leafs edged the short-staffed Montreal Canadiens 3-2 in the regular season opener for both teams.

Goaltending was one of the key reasons Leafs coach Ron Wilson felt good heading into the year, and Giguere justified that optimism. He weathered a late storm as the Habs pushed for the tying goal, sticking out his left pad to deny Canadiens captain Brian Gionta twice from in close.

"He played really well," said Wilson. "He focuses and battles every shot. Looking at the game, this is probably one that last year we'd get tied against in the last minute. Because of a couple of great saves, we ended up preserving the win."

Tim Brent, Phil Kessel and Clarke MacArthur scored for the Maple Leafs, who won their first home opener since October 2000.

Dustin Boyd and Jeff Halpern replied in their first games for Montreal.

It was a typically tight game between the old rivals, who needed extra time to decide five of their six meetings a year ago.

That includes last season's opener, when Montreal tied it late before pulling out a 4-3 win in overtime.

Only six Leafs players who played in that game were on the ice for this one — a sign of the massive overhaul GM Brian Burke has undertaken over the last 12 months.

MacArthur, one of the new faces, scored the eventual winner. He made a nice play to beat Habs defenceman Jaroslav Spacek before putting a nice backhander behind Carey Price at 1:36 of the third period.

Halpern replied last than a minute later to make it 3-2, but that was as close as Montreal would get.

Toronto took advantage of a Canadiens team that was missing some key personnel. Winger Mike Cammalleri sat out a one-game suspension while defencemen Andrei Markov and Roman Hamrlik were each recovering from knee injuries.

Lars Eller replaced Cammalleri on a line with Tomas Plekanec and Andrei Kostitsyn, and did an admirable job in just his eighth NHL game.

He had a chance from his knees in the second period but Giguere got his pad on it.

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▶ Tim Brent, right, celebrates his goal with Francois Beauchemin Thursday.

Pens fall to Flyers

- Surprise starter Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 29 shots in his NHL debut, Danny Briere and Blair Betts scored the first two goals, and the Flyers spoiled the Pittsburgh Penguins' debut game in their new arena by winning 3-2 on Thursday night.
- Claude Giroux also scored for the Flyers.
- Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, of Cole Harbour, didn't register a point in the game.

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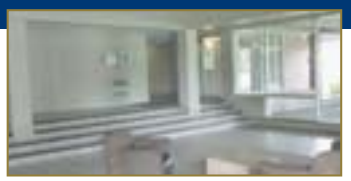
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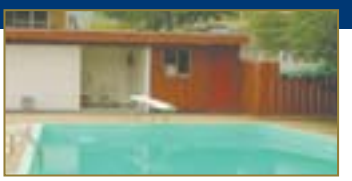
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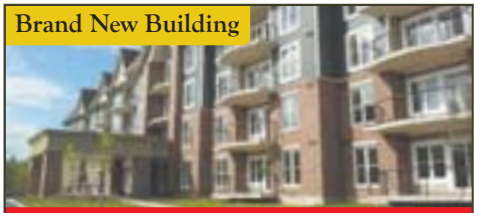
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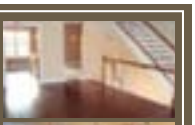
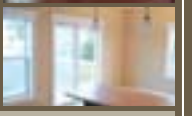
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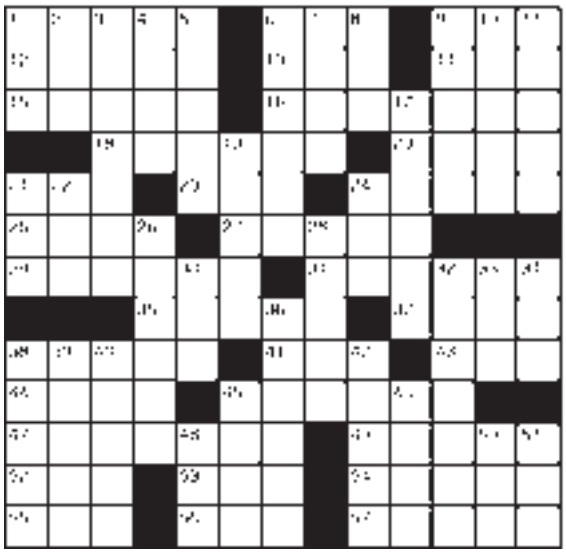
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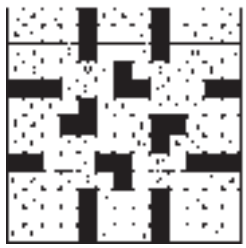
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15 Smaller map
16 Half a winter pair
18 Gearshift mechanism, for short
20 Sheltered
21 Down Under avian
23 Started
24 Scandinavian inlet
25 Hay there?
27 The R in NPR
29 Contaminate
31 Green
35 Pyromaniac's crime
37 Winter forecast
38 "Loves me (not)" flower
41 Work with
43 Pink-slip
44 Dermatology case
45 Add on
47 The "Crime Dog"
49 March King
52 Paid player
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Down

1 "— was saying, ..."
2 Cubbyhole
3 Pack anew
4 State with certainty
5 Gold or silver
6 To-do list
7 Stage presentation
8 Craggy peak
9 Eye (Pref.)
10 Less risky
11 Hungry
17 Bionic man portrayer
19 "Phooey!"
21 Yale student
22 Calendar abbr.
24 Shark's giveaway
26 Riddle
28 Actress Kirsten
30 Bawl
32 Peeved
33 Curse
34 Ram's mate
36 Costume
38 Chokes
39 Ghana's capital
40 "— We Trust"
42 Museum stand
45 Somewhere out there
46 "Unforgettable" singer
48 Ms. Thurman
50 Perch
51 Whatever amount

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You are not the sort to back down when someone opposes you but you will find yourself up against a tough opponent today and the planets suggest it might be wise to let them have their little victory.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's make or break time for a relationship and what happens over the next 24 hours will determine whether you stay together or go your separate ways.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be careful who you trust today because there is a real possibility that someone is out to deceive you. Mercurywarns you would be wise to err on the side of caution.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 It would, of course, be nice if you could get along with everyone you meet but Cancerians are sensitive people and some individuals simply rub you up the wrong way.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 What happens today may seem dramatic, but is really of only minor importance. What does matter, of course, is how you choose to react to this and similar situations.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Mercury, your ruler, close to Saturn, planet of restriction, will limit your options, but that's no bad thing. If you are going to make the most of your talents you must focus on the one goal that truly matters.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may be entitled to tell people how to behave but that does not mean you have to do so. Be smart today and let those around you work out for themselves what it is they should be doing.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your attitude towards someone will change dramatically today. You simply do not have the time or the patience. They get it right or they get going.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 According to the planets you have allowed yourself to be fooled into believing that someone you work or do business with has your interests at heart when, in fact, they care only for themselves.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 A difference of opinion is just that. It's isn't a fight, still less a war, and if it seems to be heading in that direction then obviously you need to get a grip on yourself. Lighten up, it's life.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may find it easy to keep up with the latest fashions, but some people are not so lucky and a friend or family member will need your help today to get to grips with something they don't understand.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You seem to be caught in the middle of a battle of wills and you're not enjoying the experience one little bit. Tell both sides that you don't intend to support either one of them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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